

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, ¶1:

~~FIELD OF THE INVENTION~~

~~—— The present invention relates to fiber optic technology, and more particularly, to multi-channel interconnect devices that connect a plurality of parallel optical fibers with optical subassemblies including emitters or detectors.~~

On page 2, ¶5:

~~SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION~~

~~It is therefore the primary object of the present invention to provide an improved parallel optical interconnect for use in fiber optic systems.~~